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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS: POSSIBLE WHITE HOUSE PROPOSAL ON  
BARBITURATES

1. USIS WIRELESS FILE OF MARCH 31 CARRIES ITEM HEAD-  
LINED "BARBITURATES MAY BE TAKEN OFF U.S. MARKET." IT  
REPORTS THAT DR. PETER BOURNE MADE THIS COMMENT IN A UPI  
INTERVIEW MARCH 28. PROPOSAL WOULD REPORTEDLY ALLOW  
DOCTORS TO PRESCRIBE BARBITURATES ONLY FOR PERSONS WHO  
ARE HOSPITALIZED, NOT FOR OUT PATIENTS.

2. AS RESULT BRITISH VOLUNTARY "CAMPAIGN ON USE AND  
RESTRICTION OF BARBITURATES" (CURB), THERE IS CONSIDER-  
ABLE INTEREST IN THIS SUBJECT ON PART OF UK MEDICAL  
COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH DRUG  
ABUSE. REQUEST DEPARTMENT PROVIDE US ASAP WITH BACK-  
GROUND AND GUIDANCE ON POSSIBLE WHITE HOUSE PROPOSAL.  
OF PARTICULAR INTEREST WOULD BE ASSESSMENT OF PROBABLE  
REACTION FROM CONGRESS, AMA, AND DRUG COMPANIES TO  
REMOVAL OF BARBITURATES FROM THE MARKET PLACE.

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